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OF THE

GRAND R. A. CHAPTER

OF

MASSACHUSETTS,

FROM

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STATED MEETING — DECEMBER 9, 1862.

A Stated Meeting of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter was held at Freemasons' Hall, Boston, on Tuesday, Dec. 9th, A. D. 1862, R. A. M. 2395.

PRESENT.

M. E. Solon Thornton, Grand High Priest.
" Charles C. Dame, Grand King.
" James Kimball, Grand Scribe, p. t.
E. Caleb Rand, Grand Captain of the Host.
" James R. Gardner, Grand Principal Sojourner.
" Theo. H. Emmons, Grand Royal Arch Capt.
" Wm. F. Knowles, Master 3d Veil, p. t.
" James A. Maynard, G. Master 2d Veil, p, t.
" Alfred F. Chapman, G. Master 1st Veil, p. t.
" Rufus S. Pope,
" John P. Robinson, } Grand Chaplains.
" George Talbot, Grand Treasurer, p. t.
" Thomas Waterman, Grand Secretary.
" William L. Batchelder, Grand Lecturer.

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PERMANENT MEMBERS.

J. McClellan, E. W. Tolman, W. Lewis, A. A. Dame, Richard Briggs.

The Grand Chapter was opened in ample form, and the record of the last Meeting was read and approved.

The following Chapters were represented :—

St. Andrew's. King Cyrus, Washington, Adoniram, St. Paul's, Mount Zion, Mount Horeb, Shekinah, Orient, Berkshire, King Solomon's, and Morning Star.

M. E. Charles C. Dame, in behalf of the Committee on Regala, reported progress, and at his request, the Committee were granted further time.

The Grand Chapter having assembled at 9, A. M., the lecture on the Mark degree was given, and the work exemplified; in the afternoon the lecture on the Royal Arch degree was given, and the work on this degree exemplified.

Voted, That the dispensation to Pilgrim Chapter, of Abington, be extended for the space of six months.

Comp. Alfred F. Chapman was appointed Grand Lecturer by the M. E. Grand High Priest.

A lengthy discussion took place, and a free interchange of views by several members, respecting the phraseology of some parts of the ritual, and the Grand Chapter closed in ample form.

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STATED MEETING—March 10, 1863.

A Stated Meeting of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Massachusetts, was held at Freemasons' Hall, Boston, on Tuesday, March 10, A. D. 1863.

PRESENT.

M. E. Solon Thornton, Grand High Priest.
" Charles C. Dame, Grand King.
" Moses H. Fowler, Grand Scribe.
E. Lyman B. Meston, G. Captain of the Host, p. t.
" James R. Gardner, G. Principal Sojourner.
" Theodore H. Emmons, G. Royal Arch Captain.
" G. Master 3d Veil.
" Marshall Elmer, G. Master 2d Veil.
" A. F. Chapman, G. Master 1st Veil.
" Peter C. Jones, Grand Treasurer.
" Thomas Waterman, Grand Secretary.
" Rev. Rufus S. Pope, Grand Chaplain.
" John McClellan, Committee of Finance.
" Samuel Millard, Committee of Charity.
" James Kimball, Committee of Correspondence.

PERMANENT MEMBERS.

W. Lewis, E. W. Tolman, E. M. P. Wells, and A. A. Dame.

The Grand Chapter was opened in ample form, and the record of the last meeting read by the Grand Secretary.

The following Chapters were represented:—

St. Andrews, King Cyrus, Washington, Morning Star, Thomas, Mount Horeb, Orient and Mount Sinai.

A Petition was presented, signed by Smith W. Nichols, Freeman Baker, A. W. Banfield, Daniel Russell, J. Bowditch, Oliver Wythe, John Botume, Jr., Charles Copeland, William Hurd, J. M. Beckett, George W. Copeland, W. H. Richardson, M. Pattee, J. H. Waitt, John Greer, Samuel Tidd, Geo. O. Carpenter, P. D. Walbridge, H.

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O. Allen, Geo. W. Heath, F. A. Messenger, S. O. Dearborn, Lyman Dike, Daniel Norton, Jr., J. W. Fairbanks, W. Bogle, Jos. A. Fairbanks, Wm. K. Spinney, A. P. Perkins, L. L. Fuller, J. W. Russell, John B. Gillett, Geo. P. Cox, Henry A. Wilder, Henry E. Turner, Jonathan W. Chapman, Isaac A. Stiles, and F. J. Foss, (38,) praying for a Dispensation, empowering them to form a new Chapter at Melrose, by the name of Waverly Royal Arch Chapter. This petitiou was referred to a Committee, consisting of M. E. Comps. John McClellan, James Kimball, and A. F. Chapman. This Committee subsequently reported in favor of granting the prayer of the petitioners, and the Report was unanimously accepted.

M. E. Comp. McClellan, in behalf of the Committee on Regalia, reported progress, and, at his request, the Committee were granted further time.

The case of Sutton Royal Arch Chapter, which has recently suffered a serious loss by fire, was referred to a Committee, consisting of Comps. Peter C. Jones, Charles C. Dame, and T. H. Emmons, to consider and report.

On motion of M. E. Comp. Jones it was

Voted, That a donation of one hundred dollars, from the funds of the Grand Chapter, be granted to the "Discharged Soldiers' Home," in this city.

On motion of M. E. Comp. McClellan, it was

Voted, That the sum of fifty dollars be donated to the "Boston Masonic Board of Relief."

The business of the meeting having been concluded the Grand Chapter was closed, in ample form, at 8 o'clock.

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STATED MEETING—JUNE 9, 1863.

A Stated Meeting of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Massachusetts, was held at Freemasons' Hall, Boston, on Tuesday, June 9, A. D. 1863, R. A. M. 2396.

PRESENT.

M. E. Solon Thornton, Grand High Priest.
" Albert H. Kirkham, Deputy G. High Priest.
" Charles C. Dame, Grand King.
" Grand Scribe.
E. Caleb Rand, G. Capt. of the Host.
" G. Principal Sojourner.
" Theodore H. Emmons, G. Royal Arch Captain.
" A. A. Dame, G. Master 3d Veil, p. t.
" G. Master 2d Veil.
" Alfred F. Chapman, G. Master 1st Veil.
" Peter C. Jones, Grand Treasurer.
" Thomas Waterman, Grand Secretary.
" Rev. Rufus S. Pope, } Grand Chaplains.
" " John P. Robinson, }
" William L. Batchelder, } Grand Lecturers.
" Alfred F. Chapman, }

PERMANENT MEMBERS.

James Kimball, John McClellan, Sam'l Millard, Richard Briggs, William W. Baker, and Geo. Sherwin.

The Grand Chapter was opened in ample form, and the Records of the last Stated meeting read and approved.

Comp. Peter C. Jones submitted the following

REPORT.

The Committee to whom was referred the petition of Sutton Royal Arch Chapter for leave to surrender its Charter, recommend that the prayer of the petitioners be granted.

PETER C. JONES,
For the Committee.

Boston, June 9, 1863.

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Voted, That the foregoing report be accepted, and that the amount now due from Sutton Chapter to this Grand Chapter, be remitted.

The following communication was received from the Massachusetts Convention of High Priests.—

To the M. E. High Priest, Officers and Members of the M. E. Gr. Chapter of Massachusetts,—

At a special meeting of the Massachusetts Convention of High Priests, held at Freemasons' Hall, Boston, March 10, 1863, at 8 o'clock P. M., M. E. William J. Merriam, of Thomas Chapter, Fitchburg; M. E. Isaac D. Gibbons, of Morning Star Chapter, Springfield; M. E. Jonathan P. Folsom, of Mt. Horeb Chapter, Lowell; M. E. John N. Pike, of King Cyrus Chapter, Newburyport, were admitted and consecrated to the Order of High Priesthood, and will be acknowledged accordingly.

EBENEZER W. TOLMAN,
Sec. of the Mass. Con. of H. Priests.

A petition for a new Chapter, by the name of St. Matthew's Royal Arch Chapter, to be located at South Boston, signed by Benj. Dean, D. McB. Thaxter, C. A. Walker, Charles Robbins, Joseph W. Howard, Samuel R. Spinney, John H. Fogg, John M. Gilbert, Joseph W. Tapley, Hugh M. Calley, Richard M. Barker, N. A. Apolloni, E. H. Brainard and F. Walbridge, was presented, and committed to Comps. John McClellan, Samuel Millard and Wm. W. Whitmarsh; this Committee subsequently reported in favor of granting the prayer of the petitioners, and the Report was unanimously adopted.

A petition for a new Chapter, by the name of Hampden Royal Arch Chapter, to be located in the town of Palmer, signed by S. G. Shaw, Marshall Fox, F. J. Wassum, James B. Shaw, James Robinson, E. B. Shaw, Nehemiah Smith, N. F. Rogers, W. W. Cross, E. C. Robinson, Daniel B. Moody, Elisha W. Shales, R. M. Reynolds, E. F. Morris, J. B. Williams, J. L. Reynolds, John Thayer and D. B. Hannum, was presented, and referred to Comps. A. H. Kirkham, T. H. Emmons and

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A. A. Dame, to consider and report, which Committee reported as follows :—

The Committee, upon the petition of S. G. Shaw and others, for Dispensation for a Royal Arch Chapter in Palmer, to be called Hampden Royal Arch Chapter, report that, in their opinion, it is advisable that their prayer be granted.

A. H. KIRKHAM,
T. H. EMMONS,
A. A. DAME,
} *Committee.*

The foregoing Report was read and accepted.

A petition, signed by W. B. C. Pearsons, N. W. Quint, John A. Day, Henry Wheeler, W. H. Cook, T. H. Wellington, A. B. Clarke, A. C. Slater and Q. W. Lovering, for leave to organize a Chapter of Royal Arch Masons in the town of Holyoke, was presented, and committed to Comps. Daniel Reynolds, William W. Baker and R. E. Pope, who subsequently submitted the following Report :—

Boston, June 9, 1863.

The Committee appointed on the foregoing petition, have attended to their duty, and beg leave to

REPORT,

That after a due consideration of the subject, as far as their means of information would allow, they find that the petition is wanting in a recommendation from the nearest Chapter, that is to say, Morning Star Chapter; also, they find that the petitioners are not vouched for, according to Article 8 of the Constitution of this Grand Chapter; therefore, your committee would recommend that the petition lay upon the table until the next quarterly communication, or, until such time as the petitioners, having complied with the necessary requirements, to warrant the M. E. High Priest to issue the necessary Dispensation.

DANIEL REYNOLDS,
WM. W. BAKER,
R. E. POPE,
} *Committee.*

The foregoing Report was read and accepted.

On the petition of King Solomon's Royal Arch Chapter at Enfield, for leave to remove to Weare, it was

Voted, That the petitioners have leave to withdraw their petition.

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A communication was received from the Corresponding Secretary of the "Discharged Soldiers' Home," acknowledging the receipt of a donation of one hundred dollars, voted by the Grand Chapter at its meeting in March last.

The petition of Comps. Elihu C. Baker, Samuel C. Lawrence, Ben. A. Hersey, Nehemiah T. Merritt, Henry H. Gilmore, Luther Farwell, George L. Barr, Daniel W. Lawrence, James H. Archibald, George S. Sullivan, Otis W. Eaton, William M. Miller, E. N. Blake, Wm. Pratt, A. K. P. Joy, D. N. Skillings, James Durgin, George H. Conn and S. P. Bartlett, for a Warrant to establish a Chapter of Royal Arch Masons in the town of Medford, in the County of Middlesex and Commonwealth of Massachusetts, was presented, and referred to a Committee consisting of M. E. Comps. James Kimball, Charles C. Dame and Caleb Rand. This Committee having been authorized to communicate to the M. E. Grand High Priest their decision on the subject matter of the foregoing petition at a future day, subsequently submitted the following Report:—

To the M. E. Solon Thornton, Esq., Grand High Priest of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Massachusetts,—

The Committee to whom was referred the petition of Elihu C. Baker and eighteen other Royal Arch Masons, for a Warrant empowering them to open and hold a Chapter of Royal Arch Masons in the town of Medford, and to bear the name of Mystic Chapter, would

REPORT,

That they gave the petitioners a hearing on the evening of the 8th, and again on the 26th of June, and after hearing all parties interested, and giving a careful consideration to the whole subject in relation to its influence on the Chapter now under Dispensation in the town of Melrose, and believing that it will be for the convenience and advantage of the Fraternity, would recommend that a Warrant be granted to your petitioners.

JAMES KIMBALL,
CHARLES C. DAME, } *Committee.*
CALEB RAND,

Boston, June 26, 1863.

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The foregoing Report was approved by the M. E. Grand High Priest, and a Warrant granted to the petitioners therein named.

ANNUAL MEETING—September 8, 1862.

The Annual Communication of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Massachusetts, was held at Freemasons' Hall, Boston, on Tuesday evening, September 8th, A. D. 1863. R. A. M. 2396.

PRESENT.

M. E. Solon Thornton, Grand High Priest.
" Charles C. Dame, Grand King.
" James Kimball, Grand Scribe, p. t.
E. Caleb Rand, G. Capt. of the Host.
" Theodore H. Emmons, G. R. Arch Capt.
" Alfred F. Chapman, G. M. 1st V.
" Peter C. Jones, G. Treasurer.
" Thomas Waterman, G. Secretary.
" Lyman B. Meston, G. Steward.
" Wm. L. Batchelder, Grand Lecturer.
" Rufus S. Pope, } G. Chaplains.
" John P. Robinson, }
" John McClellan, }
" Richard Briggs, } Committee of Finance.
" William F. Knowles, }
" James Kimball, Com. of For. Correspondence.

PERMANENT MEMBERS.

Robert Keith, E. M. P. Wells, Wm. Parkman, E. W. Tolman, A. A. Dame, Samuel Millard, Henry Goddard, George Sherwin, E. A. Raymond.

The Grand Chapter was opened in ample form. The Records of the last meeting were read and approved.

The following Chapters were represented:—

St. Andrew's, King Cyrus, Washington, Adoniram, Morning Star, St. Paul's, Thomas, Worcester, Shekinah, Orient.

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A petition for a new Chapter, to be located in the city of Lynn, signed by Henry C. Oliver, Wm. C. Maxwell, Wm. V. Spinney, A. C. Blethen, John G. Dudley, C. W. Wilson, James A. Austin, John H. Bean, William B. Phillips, John C. Myer, Augustus L. Curtin, E. F. Estes, Josiah Brown, James F. Hartshorn, Jr., Benj. H. Atkins, W. H. Stone, Chas. G. Hill, Joshua C. Eldred, James W. Murray and Samuel H. Gardner, was presented, and referred to a Committee consisting of M. E. Companions James Kimball, John McClellan and William Parkman. This Committee submitted the following

REPORT:

The Committee to whom was referred the petition of Companion Henry C. Oliver and nineteen other Royal Arch Masons, for a Warrant empowering them to open and hold a Chapter of Royal Arch Masons in the city of Lynn, to be styled *Sutton Chapter*, would Report, that from the evidence presented to your committee of the correct moral standing of your petitioners in the community where they reside, and of their acquaintance with the Work and Lectures of the several Degrees, and also of the number that are now ready to receive the Degrees, should a Warrant be granted, would recommend to the Grand Chapter to authorize the M. E. G. High Priest to grant them a Warrant when they shall furnish him the requisite recommendation of the nearest Chapter, as required by Article 8 of the Constitution, such certificate not accompanying the petition.

JAMES KIMBALL, *for Committee.*

By direction of the M. E. Grand High Priest, a Warrant was issued to the Companions named in the foregoing petition, they having complied with the requisitions of the Grand Chapter in such cases made and provided. The Warrant, bearing date September 9, A. D. 1863, to continue in force until the Annual Communication of this Grand Chapter in September, 1864.

M. E. James Kimball, the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, submitted the following

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REPORT ON FOREIGN CORRESPONDENCE:

To the M. E. Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the State of Massachusetts—

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the State of Massachusetts, in presenting their first Annual Report, enters upon its duties with many misgivings. Many of the Grand Chapters heretofore in correspondence with this Grand Chapter, have, from the force of circumstances, been compelled, for a season, to forego that privilege. The importance of possessing a thorough knowledge of all those questions that affect these Grand Bodies renders the duty one of more than ordinary importance.

Trusting that with the paucity of material, and the little time that I have been able to devote to this duty, that it may be received in the spirit in which it is offered; an earnest desire to add another link to that golden chain of love and sympathy which is bound around our Fraternity, uniting us, as one great family, in the interchange of those fraternal relations which should never be permitted to be sundered, even under the most trying circumstances.

We have examined the Proceedings of the following Grand Chapters,—all that have been received:—

Iowa,	Annual	Convocation	May, 1862.
Kentucky,	"	"	Oct. 1862.
Missouri,	"	"	May, 1863.
Michigan,	"	"	Jan. 1863.
Maine,	"	"	May, 1863.
New Jersey,	"	"	Sept. 1862.
New Hampshire,	"	"	June, 1862.
Oregon,	"	"	Sept. 1861 and 1862.
Pennsylvania,	"	"	Feb. 1863.
Vermont,	"	"	Oct. 1862.
Wisconsin,	"	"	Feb. 1863.

It is a source of satisfaction to find that from all the Proceedings which have reached us, there come words of cheer, and confidence in the future of our government. Let us by no act of ours, do anything that will tend to weaken or destroy it, ever treasuring up in our hearts one of the first lessons taught us upon entering the Masonic Temple, that "*As a citizen*, you are enjoined to be exemplary in the discharge of your civil duties, by never proposing or countenancing any act which may have the tendency to subvert the peace and good order of society; by paying due obedience to the laws under whose protection

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you live, and by never loosing sight of the *allegiance* due to your COUNTRY."

We would now present a brief review of these Proceedings :—

IOWA.

The Grand Chapter of this State held its Annual Convocation at Keokuk on the 31st of May, 1862. M. E. C. Stewart Ellis, presiding.

This Grand Chapter held a session of three days, during which time, the Work of the several Degrees was exemplified by the Grand Lecturer; the business was chiefly of a local character. Several questions on Masonic Jurisprudence were reported on, which will be noticed hereafter. The Gr. High Priest in his address, remarks: —

"That he finds upon visitation and inquiry, that a lack of interest exists in a majority of Chapters comprising this Jurisdiction; this I attribute to the want of a more perfect knowledge of the Work and Lectures in the several degrees. I will therefore suggest that a thorough, critical and earnest exemplification of the Work be had at the present session, to the end that zeal may be infused into the subordinate Chapters and the prosperity of our Order extended thereby."

Upon the condition of our country, and our duty in the present crisis, he thus speaks:

"Amid this turmoil and strife, what becomes our duty as loyal men and correct Masons? Shall we stand idly by while the great contest is raging, and refuse by our silence to give aid and encouragement to those of our Brethren and Companions, who with daring heroism, and self sacrificing devotion are nobly striving for the maintenance of the Government? Or, shall we not rather speak out boldly for the right; proclaiming to the world that he who is disloyal to his country is unfaithful to the requirements of the Order; that he who strikes with fratricidal hand at the Constitution and the Laws, severs the tie which entitles him to our charity and sympathy.

Companions, we will countenance no disloyalty; we can only be true to ourselves, our Order, and man's highest happiness, by being true to the Constitution and the Union. Then let our thoughts, our hopes, our prayers, be of and for our country."

The G. Secretary, in his Report, refers to the non-reception of the proceeding from G. Chapters, and remarks:

"That, owing to the war, many of the Jurisdictions with which we have been heretofore in correspondence have been inaccessible; greatly reducing the number of our exchanges, and cutting us off from intelligence as to their action. It will be the endeavor of the Grand

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Secretary, on the re-establishment of mail facilities, to renew those broken links in the chain of our Masonic history."

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence submitted a very interesting Report—reviewing the proceedings of sixteen Grand Chapters. In noticing the present unhappy condition of our Nation, they use the following language, which should be impressed upon the heart of every Mason: "Let us all restrain our passions, and guard our words and actions, that nothing that we may say or do, as Royal Arch Masons, shall tend to deepen or widen the gulf now yawning between us; let us be careful to do nothing as Masons to exasperate or wound the feelings of any Companion in any portion of the world."

From the proceedings, we notice several discussions on Masonic Law. On these questions we are sorry to find a diversity of opinion.

"*Resolved*, That Sec. 9 of the miscellaneous regulations of the G. Chapter be amended, by adding to the 1st Sec.,

Except in case of suspension for non-payment of dues, in which case the Companion shall be restored on payment of his dues up to the time of suspension, and a vote of two-thirds of all the members present."

In Wisconsin, if suspended for the non-payment of dues only, he is restored to membership upon the payment, or remission of the sum, without a vote of the Chapter. This, I think, is in accordance with the true spirit of our Institution; it is not a crime against Masonic Law to be unfortunate and unable to meet promptly our liabilities, but a misfortune requiring our sympathies. I think there has never been a decision in Massachusetts upon this question.

M. E. Caleb Lamb was elected Gr. H. P., and R. E. W. B. Langridge was re-elected Gr. Secretary.

Number of Chapters under this Jurisdiction	27
" Members,	499
" Exaltations the last year,	17.

KENTUCKY.

The Grand Chapter of this State held its Annual Convocation at Louisville, on the 20th of Oct., 1862. M. E. Theodore Kohlhass, G. H. P., presiding:—

The severe trials through which our Companions under this Jurisdiction have been called to pass, has caused the usual interest in Chapter Work to give way to the sterner duties of protecting their homes, and all that they held dear, from the perils and dangers incident to a state of civil and fratricidal strife.

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The M. E. High Priest in his address says :—" An eventful year has passed since our last Convocation ; eventful to our once happy country, and not less so to our ancient and honorable Order In the midst of civil strife, and the universal and necessary preoccupation of the mind of the country with the great and terrible things of that strife, Masonry has languished. I regret that I cannot congratulate you upon the prosperity of our Order. Many of our Companions have fallen in their country's service, in the camp, and in the field, and far from the kind hands of a Brother Mason. Let us weep over those sad events, and pray for a restoration of the happy days, before the beginning of these dark and gloomy ones."

In closing his address, he says :—" I have only to express the wish that our deliberations may be characterized by proper decorum, and that they may result beneficially to Royal Arch Masonry, leaving with each and all of us a consciousness of having faithfully and *loyally* discharged our duty."

Resolutions of sympathy, were adopted, relative to the deaths of Past Grand High Priests Thomas Ware and Henry Wingate, and memorial pages containing the dates of their births and deaths, published in the proceedings of the Grand Chapter. Companion Ware was struck down in the heat of battle, under the shadow of his own home, in sight of his family, whilst defending the Flag of his Country. Companion Wingate, in his own home, in the arms of the loved ones there, quietly breathed out his allotted time, hopeful, and confident in the hope of a happy immortality.

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence have received and examined the proceedings of eleven Grand Chapters, but make no extended report. We truly sympathize with our Companions in their trials and sufferings, and trust that by a firm reliance upon the great "I AM," they may be enabled to pass through those trials with a consciousness of having nobly performed their duty.

Abstract of Returns as published in last proceedings, Oct. 1862.

Number of Chapters,	71
" Members,	564
" Exaltations,	56.

Returns from twenty Chapters only have been made to the Grand Secretary.

M. E. Thomas Saddler, of Paris, was elected and installed as G. H. Priest; E. Philip Swigert, of Frankfort, Gr. Sec.

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MISSOURI.

The Annual Convocation of the G. R. A. Chapter of this State was held in the city of St. Louis, on the 20th of May, 1863. R. E. William Bandon, Gr. King, as G. H. P., presiding.

The Grand High Priest being absent, his address was presented and read, from which we learn that he had, during the past year, granted a Dispensation to open a Chapter at De Kalb, in the county of Buchanan, and commissioned M. E. Comp. Wallingford, of Western Chapter, to organize the same. By virtue of this authority he organized Ringo Chapter, and exalted 18 members.

The High Priest in his address says :—"My official correspondence has been rather limited in consequence of the distracted conditton of the country, growing out of the present rebellion. A few of the subordinate Chapters have been doing a flourishing business in the way of exalting new members, but the majority have been hard run, to keep up the necessary meetings, to prevent a forfeiture of their Charters."

The Report on Foreign Correspondence is from the pen of M. E. C. A. O'Sullivan, Gr. Sec.; we present his closing remarks :—"Let us as Royal Arch Masons remember that our mission is to reconstruct; to rebuild our moral temple; to restore, not to destroy; to reconcile differences, not to widen them, and having professed 'to subdue our passions,' let us prove the sincerity of our profession by our practice. If true to our teaching, we will labor to allay, not to excite the passions of our fellow-men, and will remember, that however much some of our Companions may have forgotten the precepts of our Order, we look forward to the time when regretting the past, they will again unite with their Companions everywhere, and be found as of old, worshiping at the same Altar, praying to the same God."

The Work of the several Degrees was exemplified by the Gr. Sec., and the subjoined Resolution adopted :—"That the Work and Lectures of the several Degrees, as taught and exemplified at this Grand Convocation by R. E. Com. A. O'Sullivan, Grand Lecturer, be approved, and the several subordinate Chapters under this Grand Jurisdiction are hereby ordered and instructed to observe the same so far as it shall come to their knowledge."

Owing to the distracted condition of affairs within the State of Missouri, affecting as it must have done the social relations of the whole people, a large number of Chapters have made no returns. We trust that the time is not far distant when Peace may smile upon her as a

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united people, and that those altars on which the fires have been suffered to burn dim, may be rekindled and burn as of old, "so that the glory of the latter shall be greater than the former."

Abstract from Returns to May, 1863:—

Number of Chapters under this Jurisdiction		27
" Members, per returns,	677	
12 Chapters have failed to make returns—estimated	374	1051
Exaltations the last year,		107

M. E. James N. Barnes, of Weston, was installed as G. H. P., and E. A. O'Sullivan, of St. Louis, as G. Sec.

MICHIGAN.

The Fourteenth Annual Convocation was holden in the city of Detroit, commencing on Monday, the 12th of January, 1863. M. E. Benjamin Porter, Gr. H. P., presiding.

The attendance was large, during a session of three days, and every Chapter under the Jurisdiction was well represented, proving that Royal Arch Masonry is a living reality in Michigan. From the very excellent address of the Gr. H. P. Porter, we present an extract referring to the Triennial Convocation of the General Grand Chapter, he says:—"I hope, however, that the causes which have postponed the Convocation will pass away, and that those Triennial Convocations of the Royal Craft from all parts of our extended Jurisdiction which have heretofore served as a silken chain, binding in fraternal bonds Chapters North and South, will be resumed, and we of the North-West be able to greet our Southern Companions as members of a common Order, and a common nation."

The G. H. P. acknowledges the reception of the proceedings of the Grand Chapter of Louisiana, and says:—"I notice the official reception of these proceedings, because it evinces a desire on the part of our Southern Grand Chapters, although separated politically from us, to keep our fraternal bonds as strong as ever."

On the present condition of the country, he remarks:—"My Companpanions, may we not ask ourselves, whither is this struggle tending? Of what use to us, as freemen of the North, will be the sacrifices made? Of what use the hundred battlefields, where our Brothers' blood has flown like water, unless their sacrifice has been made to maintain and defend our liberty. Let us hope that the million and a half of noble men in our armies are now fighting to spread the safeguards of our Constitution over the whole country.

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I know as well as you, Companions of this Grand Chapter, that from our Halls, political discussion is shut out; but in becoming Masons we cannot forget that we are men, with manly hopes and duties; we should not forget that there are Southern altars, around which gather some of Masonry's brightest lights; we must not forget that our Brothers of the Southern States are descendants with us of a common heritage, and may we not as Masons, in this hour of our country's trial, send forth a voice that shall stop this fratricidal strife before we all sink into a common ruin. I have no apology to make for our Brothers of the South, there is none to make; but as Masons, as representatives of the Royal Craft assembled to legislate for the good of the Order, let us calmly contemplate whither we are drifting. As Masons, we have a two-fold interest in this union of States, and let us not as men, but as Masons, seriously reflect on the condition of our country, and if we have any influence for good, let us in God's name—in the name of our common altars—our common obligations, put forth a voice to bring this contest to a speedy and successful end."

A petition was presented for a Chapter, which was granted, to be located in the town of Hudson, Lenawee county, to be known as Hudson Chapter, No. 28.

The Committee on the Uniformity of Work, presented the following Report and Resolve which were adopted:—"That, in the opinion of your committee, an entire uniformity in conferring the Capitular Degrees, is of essential benefit to the Royal Craft; that the General G. Chapter having confessed their inability to enforce uniformity, and having failed to adopt any Ritual as a standard, it therefore becomes the duty of this G. Chapter, having adopted a Ritual which has been sanctioned by immemorial usage, and is in conformity with the landmarks of the Order, to see that such Work, and such only be used in this Jurisdiction."

The Report on Foreign Correspondence, from Com. Johnson, Chairman of Committee, is one of much interest, reviewing very fully the proceedings of eighteen G. Chapters. In their Report, they remark:—"That the proceedings we have received, everywhere glow with patriotism worthy of men, worthy of Masons. Most of them speak with earnest rebuke of those Companions who have violated their Masonic —while violating their political duties. A very few, content themselves with lamenting the existing state of things; disclaiming, as Masons, all connection with national affairs; seeming to think that Masonry may reunite the country; forgetting, that though Masonry, by spreading the cement of Brotherly kindness—may assuage these evils, yet

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if Masonry could not prevent them, something more than Masonry is required to cure them."

We are indebted to our M. E. Com. Johnson, for the following notice of Massachusetts, which, but for his faithfulness and thoroughness, would have been lost to us. From the Report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence for Maryland and District of Columbia, he remarks:—"Com. Stevens in remarking on the proceedings of Massachusetts, says:—'We admire brevity, in reports of this character, but our eminent and venerable sister G. Chapter of that ancient and distinguished Commonwealth, will pardon us for saying that their annual reports alluded to here, are a little too brief to comport with the high position she holds in the Royal Craft.'

He thinks there was an abundance of good things for the Companions of *that* Jurisdiction, but for all others, only an '*apology*.'"

The Committee in closing their Report, remark:—"We observe everywhere among our sister Gr. Chapters, the absence of Companions from their Masonic stations. They have joined the armies of the Republic, to aid her in this struggle for existence; may the blessing of God, and all good Masons attend them. Many have lost their lives in the conflict. Of all those, and such as follow them, while we deposit their bodies in the grave, we cherish their memory in our hearts, and commend their spirits to God who gave them."

Number of Chapters under this Jurisdiction	27
" Members	1331
" Exaltations the last year	117

M. E. Benjamin Porter, was re-elected G. H. P., and R. E. J. Eastman Johnson, G. Secretary.

MAINE.

The M. E. Gr. Royal Arch Chapter of this State, assembled in Annual Convocation in Portland, on Monday evening, May 4th, 1863. M. E. John J. Bell, G. H. P., presiding.

Every Chapter under this Jurisdiction, was represented. From the Report of the G. H. P., we learn "that the official acts which he has been called on to perform, have not been many"—also of the Consecration and Dedication of Greenleaf Chapter, No. 13, at Portland, in ample form.

He pays a tribute of respect to the memories of Companions Chas. B. Smith, P. Gr. Scribe; James L. Child, P. Dep. Gr. H. P., and Daniel C. Stanwood, P. H. P.; and memorial pages in their proceedings are dedicated to their memories.

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The H. P. reports several decisions made by him during the last year; the most important are as follows:—"The Grand High Priest has no authority to grant a Dispensation to fill vacancy in the Council of a Chapter occasioned by death, although he may in a subordinate office." "If a Brother has been elected to take the Degrees in a Chapter, but before advancement objection is made by any member of the Chapter, the ballot is to be regarded as still open; and the Companion making his objection known to the High Priest, the latter will announce to the Chapter, that objection having been made to him by a member of the Chapter, the candidate is rejected. This is in accordance with a decision in the Grand Lodge of Maine."

We think that after the announcement of the objection to the Chapter, that a new ballot should be taken, leaving the responsibility with the member dissenting, and requiring him to perform his Masonic duty of casting a ballot.

This, we think, is in accordance with ancient usage:—"When the Grand Chapter grants to certain Companions a Charter for a Chapter, by that act they are demitted from the Chapter of which they were formerly members."

From the address of the M. E. High Priest, after speaking of the influence and mission of Masonry "in softening to some extent the hardships of war," he concludes:—"The great mission of Masonry, in this conflict, is to remove the hardships of human passion, by forming a neutral place, where men of all parties may meet to practise the highest duties which man owes to his fellow; where the distinctions of North and South, of abolitionist and secessionist are unknown, but all are Brethren. Not that Masonry would hold the least countenance to rebellion; for the contrary has been the uniform teaching of the Fraternity, and no true Mason can be disloyal; yet, in the Lodge, no distinction is to be made, but all are to be taught that beneath all differences of party or sect, there is a universal Brotherhood of man. Even now, may this beneficial influence be exerted; and when, as we hope may soon happen, peace shall once more return to our once beloved country, and her Flag fly out before the breeze unchallenged through the whole of her rightful domain, then will the influence of our Institution, in its silent might, remove much of the bitterness and enmity which the war will leave; then will Masonry prove by its Fraternal bonds the truth of its claim to an origin almost divine. Far more good can we thus do, than, by throwing our Order into the arena of strife, endeavor to bind the passions of men."

The Report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, from

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the pen of Com. Pearl, is, as usual, one of great interest; reviewing and presenting a very full account of the proceedings of fifteen Gr. Chapters; Massachusetts amongst the number. He remarks:—"That the absence of correspondence, which once cheered us, from several of these States, forces upon us the stern recollection that discord has invaded our sacred retreat, with damage to the craftsmen, as well as disaster to our country. A stern, relentless, fratricidal war, still holds out to us its cup of blood, and tears, and woe, desolating many a home, and draping the Royal Arch with the dark symbols of mourning.'

We are indebted to Com. Pearl for the following notice of the Gr. Chapter of Louisiana; he having received their proceedings for 1862 –3; the date of their last Convocation is not given: from the address of the M. E. A. L. Washburn, presiding, he quotes:—"Although we have abundant cause for pouring out our souls in gratitude to God, for all his benefits, especially for health and plenty, yet are our hearts saddened, as we miss some of the familiar faces which we have been accustomed to greet at our former reunions. Our much revered P. M. E. Gr. H. Priest, Thomas H. Lewis, whose virtues, talents and zeal have so long and so successfully been exerted in the cause of Masonry, is no more. No more shall we hail that honest, earnest, Spartan face in our midst. No less do we miss another Giblemite, who wrought earnestly and faithfully in our Temple; our excellent Gr. Secretary, Lemuel C. Risk, has fallen a victim to disease, contracted in defence of our country. The faithful and efficient manner in which he discharged the duties of his office, the courtesy and kindness which characterized all his official intercourse with his Brethren, will long endear his memory to our hearts."

Of our national conflict, Com. Washburn says:—"An eventful year has transpired since last we were assembled in these Halls. Then, all was peace and prosperity; although the mutterings of the approaching storm might have been heard in the distance, yet we fondly hoped the cloud would dissolve or waste itself ere it reached us; but vain were our hopes. The calamities of a civil strife have fallen upon us: a wicked and inhuman war has been waged against us by those who were late our Brethren, marked by an atrocity and vindictiveness which we had hitherto believed belonged only to a past and barbarous age. With the events of this war you are all familiar, and it is not my design, nor is it proper here to recapitulate them, although we have great cause to be thankful to the God of battles for the degree of success he has hitherto vouchsafed to our arms.

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The rupture of our late political union, has, of necessity, dissolved our connection with the "General Grand Chapter of the United States," if it has not entirely dissolved that body. It is proper, therefore, that such changes in our Constitution and By-Laws should be made as will adapt them to our altered circumstances."

The Committee on Correspondence report verbally that they have received proceedings from only three or four Grand Chapters, and no report was written, owing to the absence of the Chairman.

That portion of the G. H. P.'s address relative to political changes, was referred to a committee with Past Gr. H. P. Comp. J. Q. A. Fellows as Chairman. This Committee subsequently reported that they do not deem it necessary to propose any definite changes in the present state of affairs, but as the whole code of laws need revision, they recommend the appointment of a Committee to report at the next annual convocation.

Com. Pearl in closing his report, thus speaks:—"The fiery ordeal through which our national government and our civil institutions are now passing, seems destined to accomplish a noble work in developing, elevating and purifying our national life, in accordance with the exalted purpose indicated by the inspired words of the great leader of the hosts of Israel, before he ascended the Mount of Vision, to view the promised land and close his eyes in death. 'And thou shalt remember all, the way which the Lord thy God led thee these forty years in the wilderness, to humble thee, and to prove thee to know what was in thine heart, whether thou wouldst keep his commandments or no.' So we firmly and devoutly believe the furnace of affliction in which our Great High Priest, the Captain of our salvation, is now pleased to try our Royal Institution, is not heated for destruction, but to humble, and prove, and elevate,—'to purify the dross and take away the tin'—and fit us for a nobler work than we have yet achieved or attempted.

"We have spoken freely and repeatedly in previous reports of the nobler mission of Freemasonry in relation to the integrity of our national union, and the harmony of its disturbing elements. We have nothing to recall—nothing to abate—nothing to regret on that score, unless it be that we would not have uttered more earnest and well chosen words, that might have roused and swayed the Royal Craft for worthier achievements and more cordial sympathy and charity.

"A more commanding voice is speaking now, to be more distinctly heard when the noise of battle is hushed and the red hand of violence shall no more smite, nor the eye of malice kindle with savage ferocity

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over garments rolled in a Brother's blood. Now abideth *Faith, Hope,* Charity—these three—but the greatest of these is CHARITY."

M. E. John J. Bell was re-elected Grand High Priest, and R. E. Ira Berry was re-elected Grand Secretary.

Number of Chapters under this Jurisdiction	13
" Members	789
" Exaltations the past year	88
Residents not affiliated	111

NEW JERSEY.

The Sixth Annual Convocation of this Gr. R. A. Chapter was held in the city of Trenton, on the 17th of September, 1862. M. E. Thos. J. Corsen, Gr. H. Priest, presiding.

The proceedings present us with an eloquent address from the Gr. H. Priest. It is replete with noble and patriotic sentiments, spoken in behalf of our common country; sentiments that could only emanate from the heart of a *true Mason.* We should be glad to transcribe the whole of the address to these pages; but the limit assigned us, will prevent it: we can only present a few extracts: he says:—"The deplorable condition of our country is the subject which now absorbs, and swallows up all things else. Our hearts sicken as we view the sad spectacle now before us. A war, such as the world never saw, is now devastating the land; a war, immense in its proportions, the end of which no man can see. Can we view this sad scene and be unmoved? Shall we, with all the influence which we possess, keep silent at this time? God forbid that we should so violate our plain duty, which is so often, and so forcibly inculcated in the various Degrees of Masonry, 'to be true and loyal to our country.'

Referring to our duties as Masons, in this eventful period of our country's history, and quoting from the ancient charges, as given to candidates upon their initiation, that "In the State, you are to be a quiet and peaceable subject; true to the government, and just to your country, you are not to countenance disloyalty or rebellion, but patiently submit to legal authority, and conform with cheerfulness to the government under which you live." And referring to the action of several Grand Masonic Bodies in times past, upon this all important subject, he says:—"In almost every Masonic Address that has been delivered within the last fifty years, reference is made to Washington, Warren, Franklin and Lafayette, and other such men, and they are held up as exemplars for all future generations. Why is this done? Is it be-

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cause they were distinguished for their Masonic knowledge, and noted for their labors in the cause of Freemasonry? Not so, but it is because they were true patriots, to whose exertions and sacrifices, we are indebted for liberty and national greatness. If we can speak of such men with honor and laudation, why can we not refer to our Brethren and Companions now on the field of battle; who are even now fighting and braving death, that those blessings which Washington and his compeers gained for us, may be perpetual to our children and our childrens' children for generations to come?

Nay, my Companions, let us not by a shameful silence even seem to ignore the trials and dangers which our friends and Brethren are undergoing in our behalf, and the fearful sacrifices of pleasure and comfort, health and life, which they are making, that we may enjoy the benefits of that kind and beneficent government under the fostering care of which this nation has grown to be so great and prosperious unattained and unattainable in any other part of the habitable globe. Let us assure them that they have our warmest sympathy and hearty approbation, and let us at the same time earnestly and devoutly pray that God in His infinite mercy will soon bring this war to a close, that right and justice may be triumphant over wrong, and that peace and prosperity may again blossom over our once happy country."

The Report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, from Com. Wm. H. Jefferys, is a very able one, covering 24 pages of their proceedings; reviewing the reports and proceedings of fifteen Grand Chapters. In reference to Massachusetts, he says, referring to the address of the Gr. H. Priest, for 1861:—"We are glad to hear of prosperity from every direction, but especially from Massachusetts, for we have had our fears in the past that there was not sufficient activity in Chapter Masonry in that State to keep up a healthy action of the vital parts. We are glad to know that our fears have been groundless. We hope that at their next Annual Convocation, they will have a Report on Foreign Correspondence."

We can only say, in reply, that perhaps the character of Massachusetts Masonry has been too conservative, no extended reports have been published by any of our Grand Bodies; believing that the general publicity of our proceedings was foreign to the spirit of our Institution.

But we may be permitted to say, in justice to our Order in the old "Bay State," that she is not behind any other State in the Union; either as to *quantity* or quality of the *Work* presented for the "completion" of the second Temple, and if our Companion from New Jersey will just make us a visit, he will be satisfied that his "fears are

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groundless," and that Royal Arch Masonry is a living reality in Massachusetts.

The report is a very able one, and is worthy of an extended notice: discussing the necessity, importance and cheerful obedience to a Supreme Authority, and the legitimate effect of this great and governing principle; showing that the grand secret of the permanency of our Ancient Institution, is in the recognition, and of the absolute necessity of positive submission to that authority; and no man can be a good Mason who has not thoroughly learned this lesson.

It gives us pleasure to notice the remarks of the Committee in relation to the next meeting of the GENERAL GRAND CHAPTER OF THE UNITED STATES: he says:—"At such a time as this, the very name of that organization sounds pleasant to the ear, and has a cheering influence on the mind; anything that indicates a fraternal union of men from the several parts of our country, contains within it a germ of hope for the future peace and harmony of the nation."

The following resolutions were unanimously adopted:—

1. *Resolved*, That this Grand Chapter agrees with, and endorses the patriotic sentiments expressed by our Grand High Priest.

2. *Resolved*, That this Grand Chapter hereby declares that it is the bounden duty of every Mason to be true and loyal to the government of his country, and condemn treason and rebellion as Masonic crimes.

Resolutions were passed and Memorial Pages were inserted in their proceedings to the memories of Harper Crozer, P. H. P. of Three Times Three Chapter; John H. Perkins, P. H. P. of Penlutpa Chapter; Philip Sellew, King, Enterprise Chapter.

M. E. George B. Edwards, was elected and Installed G. H. Priest, and E. John Wolverton, re-elected Gr. Secretary.

Abstract from the Report made, Sept. 1862:—

Number of	Chapters	12
"	Members	453
"	Exaltations since last report	35

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NEW HAMPSHIRE.

The Annual Convocation of the Gr. R. A. Chapter of this State, was holden at Concord, June 9, 1862. The Grand Chapter was opened in due form: M. E. Samuel E. Wilcox, Deputy Gr. H. Priest, presiding.

There was no business of general importance transacted. The Gr. H. P. not being present, no reference was had to the condition and standing of the Chapters under this Jurisdiction; but from the number of exaltations reported in the returns of last year, we infer that they are in a prosperous condition.

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence submitted their Report, reviewing the proceedings of fifteen Gr. Chapters, and presenting such portions of these reports as were of general interest.

The Committee in closing their report, say :—"That they are happy in being able to state that so far as the proceedings of the various Gr. Chapters give statistical information, they furnish indubitable evidence of a healthful increase of the Royal Craft within their respective borders, and what is vastly more important, they show that no discord exists within their respective Jurisdictions.

Your Committee have taken the liberty to call your attention to several subjects deserving consideration, and have embraced their views in resolutions appended to this Report:"—

1. *Resolved,* That it is the sense of this Gr. Chapter, that the practice of exaltation by substitutes is contrary to, and an evasion of, the spirit and common sense view as Royal Arch Masons, &c.

3. *Resolved,* That the subject matter of receiving applications and conferring the Chapter Degrees upon affiliated Master Masons, be referred to a Special Committee, and that they report a resolution embracing their views thereon.

These resolves were referred to a special committee: on the first resolve they reported in favor of the views as recommended by the committee. Report not adopted. On the 3d Resolve the Committee reported the following resolution, which was accepted and adopted:—

"*Resolved,* That this Grand Chapter recommend and advise the several subordinate Chapters, in this Jurisdiction, to adopt a by-law as early as may be, requiring all candidates for the Degrees to be members in good standing of a regular Lodge of Master Masons."

Abstract from returns to June, 1862 :—

Number of Chapters under this Jurisdiction	8
" Members	622
" Exaltations	71

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M. E. Samuel M. Wilcox, of Exeter, was Installed as Gr. H. P., and E. Horace Chase, of Hopkinton, as Gr. Secretary.

OREGON.

The Grand Chapter of this State, was organized and consecrated under the authority granted by the M. E. Albert G. Mackey, of Charleston, South Carolina, Grand High Priest of the General Grand Chapter of the United States of America, bearing date of March 21, 1860.

The representatives from Multnomah, Clarkamas, Portland and Oregon Chapters, met in Convention in the city of Salem, on the 18th of September, 1860, when, it appearing that all of the Chapters having been duly notified, and were then present by their representatives, whereupon it was

Voted, That the representatives of the several Chapters in this State, now assembled, deem it expedient to proceed forthwith to the organization of the Grand Chapter of Oregon.

Whereupon, a Chapter of Royal Arch Masons was opened in due form; a Constitution and By-Laws were adopted, and its officers elected and Installed, M. E. A. W. Ferguson as Grand H. Priest.

The first Annual Convocation was held at Salem, on the 17th of September, 1861. M. E. Albert W. Ferguson, presiding.

The Grand High Priest reported that he had granted a Dispensation to a constitutional number of Companions to open and hold a Chapter at Cervallis. His doings were confirmed and a Charter granted.

The Work was exemplified, and at the request of Ferguson Chapter, No. 5, the Degrees were conferred by Dispensation under the direction of the Grand High Priest, upon His Excellency, John Whiteaker, Governor of Oregon; S. F. Chadwick and D. C. Underwood.

M. E. Jno. McCracken was elected and Installed as G. H. P., and J. Myrick, Gr. Secretary.

No other business of importance was transacted.

The second Annual Convocation, was held in the city of Salem, on the 15th of September, 1862. M. E. John McCracken, G. H. P., presiding.

The Gr. H. Priest addressed the Chapter, from which we make an extract:—"Since our last Annual Convocation, an eventful year has passed; its page in history has been stained with the blood of our Brethren and countrymen, the victims of civil strife. Would it were not so! In former times Masonry has been wont to come from the

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North, the South, the East, the West, bearing glad tidings of peace and Brotherly love. Alas! how changed; where once the sound of the gavel was sweet music in calling the Brethren to labors of love, and noble deeds of charity, nought is now heard but the din of contending armies, the clash of murderous steel, and the thunder and roar of artillery, sending forth their terrible messengers of death and destruction.

While such is the deplorable condition of our hitherto happy country, peace and prosperity reigns with us. Far removed as we are from these scenes of war and bloodshed, we meet to day under circumstances of peculiar favor, with the incense of fraternal affection burning upon our Holy Altar.

It becomes us, then, Companions, with deep reverence and humility, to implore our *Great High Priest* to interpose his Almighty power in behalf of our distracted country; to make our grateful acknowledgments of His Divine favor and protection, and fervently thank Him for his multiplied blessings."

The usual Reports were made, but no business of general importance transmitted. M. E. John McCraken was re-elected G. H. Priest, and E. T. McF. Pallon, G. Sec.

Abstract of Returns from Report of Sept. 1862 :—

Number of	Chapters,	5
"	Members,	126
"	Exaltations the last year,	15

PENNSYLVANIA.

We have received an abstract of the proceedings of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of this State, made at their Grand Quarterly Communication, held in the city of Philadelphia, February 16th, 1863.

Present, all of the elected and appointed Grand Officers, in their respective stations and places. Twelve Chapters represented.

The only business noticed in the abstract, is the report from the Committee on Correspondence, acknowledging the reception of Reports and Communications from nineteen Grand Chapters. The Committee in closing their report, say :—

"In the proceedings of the Grand Chapters we have found nothing directly in reference to Pennsylvania; but in conclusion, we are gratified and rejoiced to find pervading all the proceedings, which have been submitted for our revision, a spirit of harmony and fraternal feeling, as well as an apppopriate zeal in the cause of our Holy

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Order, which augurs well for its continued benign influence, even under the dark cloud of affliction which has been permitted to overshadow our land.

"Circumstances beyond the control of your committee, under which this report is hastily prepared, render it impracticable to attempt even a general notice of the many other topics of interest which are ably and eloquently discussed in them, and we can only reciprocate, by wishing for our Companions, everywhere, the blessings of Divine Providence, and fraternally acknowledging the kindness and courtesy manifested in all their communications."

We are unable to present any information as to the number of Chapters or members; no details are given.

Accompanying this Report was an Address of unusual interest, upon the Origin, Mission, and Influence of Masonry, delivered before the Grand Chapter of Pennsylvania, at their Annual Communication, December 27th, 1860.

We should like to present the whole of this Address, especially that portion which refers to the introduction of Royal Arch Masonry into that State; but must content ourselves with a few extracts:—

"The Mission of Masonry is the same now as it ever was. Revolutions in empires, change, or destruction of sceptres, the rise and fall of thrones or dynasties, the union or division of churches, sects, or parties, do not change the nature of man. He is the same sin-burdened, sorrow-burdened, dependent being as when the Patriarch Job 'delivered the poor and fatherless that cried, and caused the widow's heart to sing with joy.' 'The poor shall never cease out of the land.' Sickness, disaster and accident will continue to afflict the bodies, and sorrow and bereavement to pierce and rend the souls of all of Adam's race. Discordant passions will beget strife; the parent of a brood of evils which infest our sin-cursed earth. The Mission of Masonry is to relieve and lessen all these evils. 'To do good to all men, *especially* to those who are of the household of faith'—our Brethren.

We are also to *work*; not alone at our 'usual avocations,' or at what is technically called the *work* of Masonry; but also to do the work of moral and responsible beings—the work of life. 'To divest our minds and consciences of all the vices and superfluities of life,' and 'to serve God and our distressed worthy Brethren;' to write our names on the *hearts* of our fellow-men, in acts of kindness, love, charity and mercy, that our influence and memories may remain and flourish when our bodies are laid in the dust. That the blessings of the good among men, and the approving smiles of Heaven, may rest upon us and our Institution."

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Of the first introduction of Royal Arch Masonry into this country, he says :—"The first Royal Arch Chapter ever opened in America, of which any account has been published, is that of No. 3, in this city, under their Lodge warrant; about the year 1758.

"This Lodge and Chapter derived their authority from, and held commmunion with, the 'Grand Lodge of England,' called *Ancients*, in which body the Royal Arch, as a separate degree, undoubtedly, had originated and been arranged *not twenty years before*. Our Royal Arch Masonry, therefore, was derived, both as to date, and authority, from the fountain head. If we have preserved it, as we received it, those who differ from us must have innovated or changed it. As it was a new arrangement, it may have been in some features changed, revised and *improved*, without infringing upon the landmarks of Masonry.

"The Grand Chapter of Pennsylvania is the oldest on this continent, having been formed by our Grand Lodge, on the 23d of November, 1795; William Ball, then Grand Master, as Grand High Priest. A communication on the subject of the government of Grand Chapters was immediately addressed to the Grand Lodge of England. The reply from that Body, enclosing a copy of the rules and regulations for the government of Royal Arch Chapters, was received and read in our Grand Lodge, May 30th, 1796.

"The Grand Chapter of Pennsylvania continued under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge, whose Grand Master was *ex-officio* Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter, until 1824, when the Grand Chapter was made an independent Body; electing its own officers, as at present."

"The first Chapter holden in Massachusetts, of which we have an account, was holden, no doubt, under the Charter of St. Andrew's Lodge in the, then, town of Boston, on the 28th of August, 1769, eleven years after that of Pennsylvania; it was then styled the 'Royal Arch Chapter.' It appears from the records that the degrees of 'Excellent, Super-Excellent, and Royal Arch,' were conferred in the Royal Arch Lodge.

From the records of St. Andrew's Chapter we learn that the degree of Mark Master was connected with the other degrees conferred in the Chapter under date of November 28th, 1793. Under date of January 30th, 1794, the words 'Royal Arch Chapter,' appear for the first time, in recording the proceedings.

"There was also a Chapter, at an early date, in the town of Newburyport, known as 'King Cyrus's Chapter;' its date I am unable to give.

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"The Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Massachusetts was organized on the 13th of March, 1798, by delegates from St. Andrew's Chapter of Boston, and King Cyrus Chapter of Newburyport. It would appear that after these Chapters had organized the Grand Chapter, that they received new Charters from the Body which they had created; as the Charter of St Andrew's Chapter bears date of the 14th of February, A. D. 1800."

He further says:—"The character of Pennsylvania Masonry is that of rigid conservatism, and opposition to change—a dread of innovation, and a jealousy of much that is called progress and improvement, even in matters not touching the landmarks. Her maxim is, that as Masonry is unchangeable, we are to look back to the fountain head to learn what is Masonry in its purity. That the *errors* of the present are to be connected by a reference to the *truth* of the past, instead of the popular opinion of the day, which seems to be in favor of abolishing and forsaking the *old*, and constructing and adopting something *new*."

From the Secretary's Report, made for 1859, we make the following abstract:—

43 Chapters, with 2195 members; 3 Mark Lodges, with 713 members; Number of Exaltations as reported, 264; Markings, 350.

VERMONT.

The Grand Royal Arch Chapter of this State, held its Annual Convocation in Brattleboro', on the 1st day of October, 1862, and was opened in ample form, at 9 o'clock, A. M. M. E. Barzillai Davenport, Gr. High Priest, presiding. But little business, of importance to the Craft outside of this Jurisdiction, was transacted.

The G. High Priest reports the deaths of Companions Hiram Stevens, and Charles Carroll Ruggles, who both fell victims to disease brought upon them in the South. They both held important offices in the army, and were worthy members of the Grand Chapter. Memorial pages were, by vote of the Grand Chapter, dedicated to their memories.

The Grand High Priest delivered his Annual Address, from which we make a few extracts:—

"I have often felt, even with my limited knowledge of the Royal Art, that I had more Masonry in my head than I had in my heart. I would, Companions, that I had been more ready to relieve the dis-

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tressed, to feed the hungry, to clothe the naked, and to bind up the wounds of the afflicted. I have no doubt but that we have been imposed upon by impostors, and our charities bestowed upon unworthy objects; but it is better to assist an unworthy Brother, than that we should permit a worthy Brother or Companion to be turned away empty, when we have it in our power to relieve him."

In alluding to the Past Grand Officers who had presided over the Grand Chapter from 1804 to 1858, most of whom he had personally known, he says: — "Each of them has presided over this Grand Chapter; but their seats are vacant now, as are the seats of many other worthy Companions, whose memories we cherish, and whose virtues we would imitate. Comps. Webster, Campbell, and myself remain; but we are all old men and must soon follow our worthy predecessors to the land from whence no traveller returns. And yet, this thought ought not to cast a gloom over us here; for in our first entrance into a Lodge room we profess our belief and trust in God, and implore His blessing.

"Companions: If we have but Faith in God, Hope in immortality, and Charity to all mankind, we may safely welcome the King of Terrors, sent as a kind messenger to translate us from this imperfect world to that better land where sin and sorrow never enter. But this world is our pilgrimage, and we are all weary pilgrims, travelling through this vale of tears. Let us, therefore, buckle on our armor, and with courage and constancy battle for the right, until we finish our work with joy."

The Report on Foreign Correspondence was prepared by Com. Chas. F. Dana, and is of much interest, reviewing the proceedings of fifteen Grand Chapters. He says, in relation to the small number of Proceedings received:—"But, as might be expected, in consequence of the wild and furious storm of war that still rages around us, and shakes and jars the protecting wall of our sacred Temple, we have but a meager list of Grand Chapter Records to review on this occasion."

From the Proceedings of the several Grand Chapters which we have received, we find frequent allusions to the withdrawal of the Grand Chapter of Vermont from the Gen. Grand Chapter of the United States, and without entering into the discussion at the present time, having on a former occasion expressed our views, we present the views of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, which were adopted by the Grand Chapter of Vermont, on a review of the Proceedings of the Grand Chapter of New York, in reference to such withdrawal. The

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Committee say :—" Whilst acknowledging the fraternal courtesy of the New York Companions in treating this delicate subject, and especially in refraining from recommending the direct appeal to this Gr. Chapter, proposed by their official head, we certainly think that, as potent arguments can be addressed on our side of the question, as they assert, in favor of an allegiance to be borne, however onerous and disagreeable, without a murmur, until the exceedingly problematical chance should occur, of the voluntary consent of the constituent Chapters to the retirement of the disaffected member.

"The advantages of the Gen. Gr. Chapter, as an Institution that possesses great power to bind together its component parts in a more enduring nationality, have also been very much overrated. It surely cannot be seriously reckoned, at this late day of our civil contest, that the claims of this unwieldy Body, meeting at remote periods, should present themselves with such commanding influence to the excited minds of those arrayed on either side of the civil contest, as to soothe their exasperation, and cause them to look leniently upon their mutual faults and short-comings! Alas! it cannot be denied that, at the present moment, the North and South are too bitterly at variance to be recalled to gentler thoughts by the notion of a common allegiance to a Superior Masonic Body. Masonry has done much in this war, to my certain knowledge, to alleviate its terrors in individual cases. Many a wounded soldier can thank the mystic sign for respite from certain death at the hands of a Brother combatant, and the sufferings of many a prisoner have been mitigated by his captor, when the fact was brought home to him, that he, whom the chances of war had thrown into his power, had knelt at the same Altar, and had uttered the same vows as himself. Herein are the beauties and benefits of the Order especially manifest, but to such isolated cases must we look, I think, to appreciate its immediate influence in the struggle.

"Vermont is certainly not favorable to *secession* in any shape; the very word would be a stink in our nostrils; but we do think that our withdrawal from the Gen. Grand Chapter, can be stigmatized by so odious an epithet. We will not enter into an argument here, as to the powers and privileges of the Gen. Gr. Chapter, relatively to State Gr. Chapters; but think that, under the present state of affairs, no reason need be assigned for leaving the organization. Most of the Southern States having gone, it would seem absurd, to say the least, for the remaining States to gather around fragments of a disrupted Gen~~eral~~ Constitution, and reassign to it powers of an everlasting and paramount nature. Its benefits not being apparent in the best of times, why

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should we now undergo serious annoyances, for the purpose of keeping up a so-called shadowy allegiance to a small and powerless ancient concern, meeting in out of the way places, at out of the way times?

"I do not think that it ever occurred to us, at the time of issuing our Declaration of Independe ce, that we were initiating South Carolina! If I remember right, the question of separation elicited no argument, and was completed in a very short time. We all of us felt convinced that we were as badly off as Sinbad the Sailor; and that an old man of the sea was weighing down and paralyzing our Masonic energies, and resolved that we would be free. Certainly, it has never occurred to us to feel any regret on the subject of the separation, but rather an exceeding great joy that we are rid of the incubus.

"We are humble workers in R. A. Masonry in this Jurisdiction; we are striving earnestly to improve ourselves in Masonry, and to subdue our passions; we are conscious of many daily errors of omission and commission; but we *know* that a connection with the Gen. Gr. Chapter is not going to satisfy our short-comings and all that we ask is to be 'let alone.'"

The action of the Grand Chapter of Vermont was referred to the Standing Committee on R. A. Jurisprudence, and the condition of R. A. Masonry in the State of New York, who submitted a report which was adopted. The closing portion of this report we here present:—

"Although cordially approving of the true Masonic spirit which suggests a further fraternal appeal to our Companions of Vermont to retrace their steps, your Committee cannot, upon mature reflection, deliberately advise such action. They might appeal, in sincerity of heart and earnestness of feeling, to their Vermont Companions, by all the hallowed memories of the past; by their well won fame in the Fraternity, for undeviating loyalty and unswerving fidelity heretofore; by that sense of right and justice which signalized their action; by the ties of Masonic Brotherhood, and by the name and reputation of their honored and lamented dead, and equally honored living—but they fear that it might be regarded as obtrusive or dictatorial, in view of our past action on the subject; and we can, therefore, but add our regrets for the past, and our hopes for the future. We do not believe that light and transient causes should control an act so fraught with momentuous consequences to the welfare of Capitular Masonry, and, with respect, we cannot regard the reason assigned as satisfactory or conclusive."

We subjoin two resolutions, to wit:—

"*Resolved*, That we regard the doctrine of secession in Capitular Masonry, and elsewhere, as a Masonic heresy.

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"*Resolved*, That we regard such secession as ineffectual, unless by mutual consent of both parties to the compact."

The Resolutions annexed to the Report were adopted.

The Vermont Committee, in concluding their report on this subject, remark :—"The Grand Chapter of Vermont was not originally chartered by the General Grand Chapter of the United States, but existed some time before the latter was organized. After some time had elapsed, they recognized its possible existence, and consented to recoganize it as their efficient head. But it does not follow that this G. Chapter exists only through and by the General Grand Chapter, and must stand or fall with it. Surely, it cannot be maintained that the ties are as close, and the connection as intimate, between a State Grand Chapter and those State organizations, which, in the plenitude of its sovereign power, it has seen fit to endow with all proper Masonic attributes!"

M. E. Barzillai Davenport was re-elected Grand High Priest, and E. John B. Hollenbeck, Grand Secretary.

Number of Chapters under this Jurisdiction	13
" Members	807

Exaltations, not reported.

WISCONSIN.

The Thirteenth Annual Convocation of this State, was holden in the City of Milwaukee, on the 5th of February, 1863. M. E. Montgomery M. Cothren, Grand High Priest, presiding.

The Grand Chapter held a session of two days; transacting the usual business incidental to an Annual Meeting.

The Gr. H. Priest, in his address, says :—"We have again assembled to commune with each other, and to discharge such duties as we owe to the Fraternity.

"Ours is no light or trivial duty. It is ours to legislate for the Order,—to examine into and settle grievances—to inquire for proper objects of charity, and to cultivate the great moral and social truths of our Order. It is not alone to transact the business of the Grand Chapter that we annually meet. Ours is the privilege of meeting the assembled wisdom of that symbolical structure of moral truth that has existed for thousands of years, and held in its potential embrace the great, the wise, and the good of every civilized race upon the globe."

The principal portion of the address is devoted to the Origin, Antiquity, and the Moral Teachings of Masonry. In reference to the present condition of our country, and the alleviating influence of our Order, in these times of trial and suffering, he thus speaks :—"I had

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hoped, in common with all Masons, that the humanizing influences of our principles would have done much towards staying the carnage of the horrible and fratricidal war that is deluging our land with human gore. Although our hopes, in this particular, have not been realized, yet there is reason to believe that through the instrumentality of the Order, many lives have been saved, much suffering mitigated, much misery prevented. What a gratification to the weary and blood stained soldier, to find amid the smoke and carnage of the battle-field, a Brother of the mystic tie ready to extend the hand of fellowship, even though fate had decreed that they should meet as nation's foes."

"So far, as I am informed, peace and harmony prevail throughout our Jurisdiction. Desolation has doubtless been carried to the homes of many of our Companions, in consequence of our country's unhappy war, but of any individual case I am not advised."

The Chairman of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, M. E. Com. Henry S. Baird, presented their report, reviewing the proceedings of ten Grand Chapters, all that have been received by them. Refering to the present condition of our country, they say:—"The love of country has been lost sight of in the animosity of party spirit, and it is to be feared that, as a nation, we may be forced to a conviction, when too late to retrieve the error, that we have, by party strife, sacrificed the greatest blessings, and jeopardized the freest and best government ever enjoyed by civilized man."

"Our own noble young State is far removed from the immediate scene of havoc and desolation, which, unhappily exist in the Border and Southern portion of the Union. Yet we have realized the sorrow and calamity attendant upon this deplorable contest between North and South, in mourning for the loss of relatives and friends. Nor can we withold our deep sympathy from those who reside in the neighborhood of the scene of action, and suffer—many of whom are innocent of offence—and have been compelled, against their will, to become actors in the contest."

In conclusion, he says:—"Let us all, Companions, unite in fervent prayer to *Him* who governs the Universe and holds in *His* hand the destinies of nations, that the Union of these States may be restored, and that the glorious old Flag, which has so long triumphantly waved at home and abroad, be preserved untarnished and unimpaired by the loss of a single bright 'Star from its *Union!*'"

The Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence, reported the following Resolution, which was adopted:—

Resolved, That hereafter no Chapter, or Companion in this Jurisdic-

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tion, shall admit to a Chapter, or hold Masonic intercourse with any Companion who has been suspended by a Blue Lodge, for any cause, while resting under such penalty.

The following order was also adopted in 1861, and is one of the Standing Resolutions of the G. R. A. Chapter of this State :—

"It shall not be deemed proper for any Subordinate Chapter under the Jurisdiction of this Grand Chapter, to receive the petition of any Master Mason for the degrees conferred in said Chapter, nor to admit a Companion as a member of said Chapter, unless such Companion, or petitioner, shall be a member of a Lodge in this, or some other Jurisdiction, in good standing.

Appropriate resolutions were reported and adopted in memory of Com. Henry M. Billings, Past Grand King; his death was sudden, "and in the full vigor of mature manhood; occupying a high position among Masons, and a warm place in the hearts of all who knew him."

M. E. Alvin B. Alden was elected and installed as G. H. Priest, and E. William T. Palmer, re-elected as Grand Secretary.

Abstract from returns made, February, 1863 :—

Whole number of Chapters	22
" Members	738
Exaltations for the last year	109

From an examination of these proceedings, we learn that Peace and Harmony reign throughout the several Jurisdictions. Although our country has been convulsed by the terrible calamities incident to a condition of war, yet our altar-fires have been kept burning brightly upon hundreds of altars throughout the length and breadth of the land, and from week to week bear witness to the truth, that the sublime teachings of our Order are fitted and designed to improve and elevate the thoughts and affections of those who are brought under their immediate influence.

Within our own Jurisdiction, unexampled prosperity has attended our labors. During the past year, Dispensations have been granted for a Chapter in South Boston; also for Chapters in the towns of Melrose, Medford and Palmer.

Returns have been received from all the Chapters in the State, from which we present the following abstract :—

Number of Chapters,	24
Under Dispensation,	4
Members,	2135
Exaltations,	289

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Let it be the prayer of every Companion, that before another year rolls round, the blessings of peace may shed their hallowed influences over our beloved country; that war may cease, and that our country may come forth purified, and purged of those sins which have called down upon us, as a nation, the displeasure of the Almighty.

Respectfully submitted,

JAMES KIMBALL.

M. E. John McClellan, in behalf of the Committee of Finance, submitted the following Report, which was read and unanimously adopted:—

The Committee of Finance of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Massachusetts have attended to the duty of examining the accounts of the Grand Treasurer, and respectfully submit the following

REPORT:

That his books have been correctly kept, and vouchers exhibited for all disbursements. There was in the hands of that officer at the commencement of the present year the sum of $430 71

He has received for dues from 22 Chapters,	$716	
Dispensations from 4 Chapters,	360	
Dividends on Stock,	119	
Interest on Bond,	50	
Premium on Gold,	14 87	
Bond sold,	330	
Bond of the city of Boston, due and paid,	1,000	$2,589 87
Making a total of		$3,020 58
He has paid for one city of Boston 5 per cent Bond, payable in 1882,	$1,000	
Premium on do.,	145 70	
5 Shares Merchants Bank,	498	
Paid for Regalia,	110	
" in Charity,	315	
" for Printing and Diplomas,	148 87	
Sundry Bills, including Rent; Secretary's Fees, &c.,	239 60	
		$2,457 17
Leaving a balance of Cash in hands of G. Treasurer of		$563 41

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The property of the Grand Chapter consists of

5	Shares of	National Bank	Stock,	$500
7	"	Elliot	" "	700
2	"	North	" "	200
4	"	Howard	" "	400
2	"	Safety Fund	"	200
5	"	Merchants	" "	500
2	"	Bank of North America Stock,		200
1	city of Boston 5 per ct. Bond, payable in 1882,			1,000
Cash in hands of Grand Treasurer,				563 41
Total,				$4,263 41

The Committee respectfully recommend that the Grand Secretary be allowed the sum of fifty dollars for his services the past year.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

JOHN McCLELLAN,
RICHARD BRIGGS,
WM. F. KNOWLES,
} *Committee of Finance.*

Voted to proceed to the election of officers for the year ensuing. M. E. Comp. Charles C. Dame was called to the Chair, and M. E. Comps. John McClellan, Richard Briggs and Henry Goddard, were appointed a Committee to collect, assort and count the votes. The balloting then took place, with the following result :—

Solon Thornton, of Boston, Grand High Priest.
John K. Hall, of Somerville, Deputy Grand High Priest.
Henry Chickering, of Pittsfield, Grand King.
John N. Pike, of Newburyport, Grand Scribe.
Peter C. Jones, of Boston, Grand Treasurer.
Thomas Waterman, of Boston, Grand Secretary.
William Parkman,
Richard Briggs,
} Trustees of the Funds.

The officers thus elected were duly installed, and the following appointments announced by the M. E. Grand High Priest :—

Caleb Rand, Grand Captain of the Host.
William H. Kent, Grand Principal Sojourner.
Theodore H. Emmons, Grand Royal Arch Captain.
George T. Ambrose, Grand Master 3d Veil.

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Freeman Baker, Grand Master 2d Veil.
Frederick A. Pierce, Grand Master 1st Veil.
Lyman B. Meston, Henry Endicott, } Grand Stewards.
William L. Batchelder, Alfred F. Chapman, } Grand Lecturers.
Rev. Rufus S. Pope, Rev. John P. Robinson, Rev. John W. Dadmun, } Grand Chaplains.
John McClellan, Richard Briggs, William F. Knowles, } Committee of Finance.
William Parkman, Thomas Waterman, Samuel Millard, } Committee of Charity.
James Kimball, Salem, Committee of Foreign Correspondence.
Luther L. Tarbell, Grand Tyler.

The officers appointed as above were duly installed, the usual proclamation made by the Grand Captain of the Host, and the Grand Chapter closed in ample form.

Attest, THOMAS WATERMAN, *G. Sec'y.*

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OFFICERS

OF THE

GRAND R. A. CHAPTER OF MASSACHUSETTS.

ELECTED SEPTEMBER 8, 1863.

M. E. Solon Thornton, Boston, Grand High Priest.
" John K. Hall, Somerville, Deputy Grand High Priest.
" Henry Chickering, Pittsfield, Grand King.
" John N. Pike, Newburyport, Grand Scribe.
E. Caleb Rand, Charlestown, Grand Capt. of the Host.
" Wm. H. Kent, Boston, G. Principal Sojourner.
" Theodore H. Emmons, Boston, G. R. A. Captain.
" George T. Ambrose, Boston, G. M. 3d Veil.
" Truman Baker, Grand M. 2d Veil.
" Frederick A. Pierce, Boston, G. M. 1st Veil.
" Lyman B. Meston, Boston, S. G. Steward.
" Henry Endicott, Boston, J. G. Steward.
" Wm. L. Batchelder, } Grand Lecturers.
" Alfred F. Chapman, }
" Peter C. Jones, G. Treasurer.
" Thomas Waterman, G. Secretary.
" Rev. Rufus S. Pope, Hyannis, }
" " John P. Robinson, Boston, } G. Chaplains.
" " John W. Dadmun, Roxbury, }
" John McClellan, }
" Richard Briggs, } Committee of Finance.
" Wm. F. Knowles, }
" Peter C. Jones, }
" Wm. Parkman, } Trustees of the Funds.
" Richard Briggs, }
" Wm. Parkman, }
" Thomas Waterman, } Com. of Charity.
" Samuel Millard, }
" James Kimball, Salem, Com. on Foreign Correspond.
" Luther L. Tarbell, G. Tyler.

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PERMANENT MEMBERS

OF THE

GRAND R. A. CHAPTER OF MASSACHUSETTS.

PAST GRAND HIGH PRIESTS.

*Benjamin Hurd, Jr., 1798—99—1800.
*Dudley Atkins Tyng, 1801—2.
*Timothy Bigelow, 1803—4—5.
*Isaiah Thomas, 1806—7—8.
*Oliver Prescott, 1809.
*James Dean Hopkins, 1810—11—12.
*John Abbot, 1813—14—15.
*Andrew Sigourney, 1816—17.
*James Prescott, 1818—19.
*Jonathan Gage, 1820—21—22.
*Paul Dean, 1823—24—25.
*Daniel Lewis Gibbens, 1826—27—28.
*Samuel Clark, 1829—30—31.
*Josiah J. Fiske, 1832—33.
Edward A. Raymond, 1834—35—36.
Simon W. Robinson, 1837—38—39.
John B. Hammatt, 1840.
*Elijah Atherton, 1841—42—43.
Thomas Tolman, 1844—45.
Charles W. Moore, 1846—47—48.
Benjamin Huntoon, 1849—50—51.
*Stephen Lovell, 1852—53—54.
Daniel Harwood, 1855—56.
Wendell Thornton Davis, 1857.
John McClellan, 1858.
James Kimball, 1859—60—61.

*Deceased.

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PAST DEPUTY GRAND HIGH PRIESTS.

*Dudley Atkins Tyng, 1799, from April to September.
*Jonathan Gage, 1799.
*Joshua Greenleaf, 1800.
*Simon Eliot, 1801—2.
*Benjamin Russell, 1803 to 1808, and 1816 to 1820.
*Henry Fowle, 1808 to 1814.
*James C. King, 1814—15.
*Samuel L. Knapp, 1820.
*Paul Dean, 1821—22.
*Augustus Peabody, 1823 to 1826.
Benjamin Huntoon, 1826 to 1829.
*Robert Lash, 1829 to 1833.
Thomas Tolman, 1833 and 1841 to 1844.
Gardner Ruggles, 1834 to 1837.
John B. Hammatt, 1837 to 1840.
*Elijah Artherton, 1840.
*Elias Haskell, 1844—45.
*Ruel Baker, 1846—47.
Gilbert Nurse, 1848.
Winslow Lewis, Jr., 1849.
*Stephen Lovell, 1850—51.
Timothy Ingraham, 1852.
E. M. P. Wells, 1853.
Joseph Bedlow, 1854.
Samuel K. Hutchinson, 1855.
William R. Alger, 1856.
Tracy P. Cheever, 1857.
*Isaac P. Seavy, 1858.
Wyzemen Marshall, 1859.
Solon Thornton, 1860.
Richard Briggs, 1861.
Albert H. Kirkham, 1862.

PAST GRAND KINGS.

*Dudley Atkins Tyng, 1798.
*James Harrison, 1799.
*William McKean, 1800.
*Charles Jackson, 1801.
*Benjamin Russell, 1802.
*Gilman White, 1803—4.
*David Coffin, Jr., 1805.
*Amos Tappan, 1806.

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*Oliver Prescott, 1807—8.
*William Woart, 1809—10.
*John Abbot, 1811—12.
*Samuel L. Knapp, 1813—14.
*Henry Fowle, 1815.
*James C. King, 1816—17.
*Joseph Brown, 1818.
*Robert Lash, 1819.
*Caleb Butler, 1820 to 1823.
Henry Whipple, 1823.
*Daniel Lewis Gibbens, 1824—25.
Richard S. Spofford, 1826 to 1829.
*Charles Train, 1829 to 1832.
Edward A. Raymond, 1832—33.
*William Whiting, 1834—35.
Simon W. Robinson, 1836.
*Elijah Atherton, 1837 to 1840
Enoch Hobart, 1840.
John R. Bradford, 1841 to 1844.
Charles W. Moore, 1844—45.
Gilbert Nurse, 1846—47.
William Eaton, 1848.
Lucien B. Keith, 1849.
Samuel Millard, 1850—51.
John Flint, 1852.
James W. Crooks, 1853.
Ebenezer W. Tolman, 1854.
Jonathan G. Johnson, 1855.
Wendell Thornton Davis, 1856.
William Parkman, 1857.
William H. L. Smith, 1858.
William W. Baker, 1859.
*Sylvester Baxter, 1860.
William S. Shurtleff, 1861.
Charles C. Dame, 1862.

PAST GRAND SCRIBES.

*James Harrison, 1798.
*Joshua Greenleaf, 1799.
*Charles Jackson, 1800.
*Benjamin Russell, 1801.
*Stephen Howard, 1802.
*Abraham Perkins, 1803—4.
*Samuel A. Otis, 1805.

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*James Dean Hopkins, 1806.
*Thomas Carey, Jr., 1807—8.
*Thomas Jackson, 1809.
*Sumner Barstow, 1810.
*Henry Purkett, 1811.
*Edward Turner, 1812.
*Andrew Sigourney, 1813—14.
*Nathaniel Knapp, Jr., 1815.
*Joseph Brown, 1816—17.
*Robert Lash, 1818.
*James Morse, 1819—20.
*Rosewell Lee, 1821.
*Daniel Baxter, 1822,
*Daniel Lewis Gibbens, 1823.
*John James Loring, 1824—25.
*Samuel Clark, 1826 to 1829.
Charles Wells, 1829 to 1833.
*William Whiting, 1833.
Simon W. Robinson, 1834—35.
*Elijah Atherton, 1836.
Enoch Hobart, 1837 to 1840.
John R. Bradford, 1840.
Robert Keith, 1841 to 1844.
*Ruel Baker, 1844—45.
*Joel Talbot, 1846—47.
Lucien B. Keith, 1848.
Samuel Millard, 1849.
*Henry Earl, 1850—51.
Jonas A. Marshall, 1852.
*Horace Chenery, 1853.
John McClellan, 1854.
Abraham A. Dame, 1855.
John Andrews, 1856.
Joel Spalding, 1857.
James Kimball, 1858.
Henry Goddard, 1859.
George Sherwin, 1860.
George Talbot, 1861.
Moses H. Fowler, 1862.

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ABSTRACT FROM THE RETURNS

OF THE

SUBORDINATE CHAPTERS

UNDER THIS JURISDICTION, FOR THE YEAR ENDING

AUGUST 31, 1863,

WITH DATE OF ORGANIZATION.

ST. ANDREW'S CHAPTER, BOSTON, A. L. 5769.

Charles C. Dame, High Priest.
Marlborough Williams, King.
Lyman B. Meston, Scribe.
George T. Ambrose, Captain of the Host.
Edward A. White, Principal Sojourner.
Alfred F. Chapman, Royal Arch Captain.
Frederic J. Foss, Master of 3d Veil.
James W. Kimball, Master 2d Veil.
Charles W. Romney, Master 1st Veil.
John McClellan, Treasurer.
Thomas Waterman, Secretary.
John P. Robinson, Chaplain.
James L. Lincoln, S. Steward.
David Simpson, J. Steward.
Luther L. Tarbell, Tyler.

Present number of Members, 277. Candidates Exalted, 65. Fees to Grand Chapter, $201. Regular Meetings on the first Wednesday of each month.

KING CYRUS CHAPTER, NEWBURYPORT, A. L. 5790.

John N. Pike, High Priest.
Warren Currier, King.
Jonathan Bickford, Scribe.
Wm. H. Johnson, Captain of the Host.
John Walton, Principal Sojourner.

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Albert Currier, Royal Arch Captain.
Paul Plumer, Master 3d Veil.
E. G. Currier, Master 2d Veil.
John J. Currier, Master 1st Veil.
Mark Symonds, Treasurer.
David J. Adams, Secretary.
William Horton, Chaplain.
Samuel Noyes, Tyler.

Present number of Members, 47. Candidates Exalted, 8. Fees to Grand Chapter, 30. Regular Meetings on Thursday succeeding full moon.

WASHINGTON CHAPTER, SALEM, A. L. 5811.

James Kimball, High Priest.
Alonzo C. Blethen, King.
John G. Dudley, Scribe.
George W. Sargent, Captain of the Host.
William L. Batchelder, Principal Sojourner.
William C. Maxwell, Royal Arch Captain.
John R. Smith, Master 3d Veil.
Dana Z. Smith, Master 2d Veil.
Daniel H. Jewett, Master 1st Veil.
Alva Kendall, Treasurer.
William Keith, Jr., Secretary.
Addison Goodhue, Senior Steward.
Jeremiah Wallis, Junior Steward.
Edward Rea, Tyler.

Present number of Members, 90. Candidates Exalted, 10. Fees to Grand Chapter, $36. Regular Meetings on the third Thursday of each month.

ADONIRAM CHAPTER, NEW BEDFORD, A. L. 5816.

Wanton T. Drew, High Priest.
John B. Baylies, King.
David Brayton, Scribe.
Shipley W. Bumpus, Captain of the Host.
A. H. W. Carpenter, Principal Sojourner.
William W. Arnold, Royal Arch Captain.
Henry Fields, Jr., Master 3d Veil.
John H. Thomson, Master 2d Veil.
George Bliss, Master 1st Veil.
Edward Stetson, Treasurer.

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George Delano, Secretary.
Moses G. Thomas, Chaplain.
John Fuller, Tyler.

Present number of Members, 182. Candidates Exalted, 20. Fees to Grand Chapter, $66. Regular Meetings on the first Wednesday of each month.

MORNING STAR CHAPTER, SPRINGFIELD, A. L. 5817.

Isaac D. Gibbons, High Priest.
James H. Call, King.
Albert E. Foth, Scribe.
F. T. Mirick, Captain of the Host.
A. E. Leonard, Principal Sojourner.
W. E. Granger, Royal Arch Captain.
E. Howland, Master 3d Veil.
D. B. Chapin, Master 2d Veil.
W. H. Spooner, Master 1st Veil.
S. E. Bailey, Treasurer.
J. M. Hall, Secretary.
J. S. Cushman, Chaplain.
W. M. Hall, Tyler.

Present number of Members, 159. Candidates Exalted, 39. Fees to Grand Chapter $123. Regular Meetings on the first Friday of each month.

FRANKLIN CHAPTER, GREENFIELD, A. L. 5817.

Charles Mattoon, High Priest.
Matthew Chapman, King.
Wm. C. Robinson, Scribe.
David Lyon, Captain of the Host.
E P. Graves, Principal Sojourner.
Charles L. Fiske, Royal Arch Captain.
N. E. Babbitt, Master 3d Veil.
D. J. Rice, Master 2d Veil.
H. B. Stevens, Master 1st Veil.
Rufus Howland, Treasurer.
George H. Hovey, Secretary.
Matthew Chapman, Chaplain.
Felix Chillingsworth, Senior Steward.
Henry Wait, Junior Steward.
Joel Wilson, Tyler.

Present number of Members, 95. Candidates Exalted, 7. Fees to G. Chapter, $27. Regular Meetings on Wednesday after full moon.

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ST. PAUL'S CHAPTER, BOSTON, A. L. 5818.

Caleb Rand, High Priest.
William Ellison, King.
Henry Endicott, Scribe.
John F. Currier, Captain of the Host.
Z. H. Thomas, Jr., Principal Sojourner.
Eben Denton, Royal Arch Captain.
J. Francis Lash, Master 3d Veil.
George W. Appleton, Master 2d Veil.
Sidney A. Stetson, Master 1st Veil.
Benjamin F. Nourse, Treasurer.
Thomas H. Emmons, Secretary.
Niels Jacobs, Senior Steward.
Elisha Pote, Junior Steward.
Luther L. Tarbell, Tyler.

Present number of Members, 317. Candidates Exalted, 47. Fees to Grand Chapter, $143. Regular Meetings third Tuesday of each month.

MOUNT ZION CHAPTER, STOUGHTON, A. L. 5820.

George Talbot, High Priest.
George B. Blake, King.
Ebenezer Capen, Scribe.
James Swan, Captain of the Host.
Azel Capen, Royal Arch Captain.
Jonathan R. Gay, Master 3d Veil.
Bradford Kinsley, Master 2d Veil.
Hiram Gay, Master 1st Veil.
Lemuel Gay, Treasurer.
Ansel Capen, Secretary.
Benjamin F. Savels, Senior Steward.
John McKuhan, Junior Steward.

Present number of Members, 26. Candidates Exalted, 2. Fees to Grand Chapter, $12. Regular Meetings on Friday preceding the full moon.

THOMAS CHAPTER, FITCHBURG, A. L. 5821.

W. J. Merriam, High Priest.
E. D. Bancroft, King.
T. C. Caldwell, Scribe.
J. A. Marshall, Captain of the Host.
C. S. Litch, Priacipal Sojourner.
W. C. Upton, Royal Arch Captain.

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H. J. Lowe, Master 3d Veil.
H. T. Pratt, Master 2d Veil.
J. E. Manning, Master 1st Veil.
Arnold Wilson, Treasurer.
George H. Spencer, Secretary.
E. W. Coffin and D. C. Brick, Chaplains.
J. A. Tufts, Senior Steward.
Francis Sheldon, Junior Steward.
Joseph Pierce, Tyler.

Present number of Members, 63. Candidates Exalted, 9. Fees to Grand Chapter, $33. Regular Meetings Wednesday on or before full moon, each month, July excepted.

WORCESTER CHAPTER, WORCESTER, A. L. 5823.

Henry Goddard, High Priest.
Benjamin Lewis, King.
Seth P. Miller, Scribe.
A. Y. Thompson, Captain of the Host.
Richard Fiske, Principal Sojourner.
J. B. Lawrence, Royal Arch Captain.
D. W. Knowlton, Master 3d Veil.
F. H. Rice, Master 2d Veil.
J. W. Jordan, Master 1st Veil.
Asa Walker, Treasurer.
Charles B. Whiting, Secretary.
Daniel Seagrave, Tyler.

Present number of Members, 76. Candidates Exalted, 5. Fees to Grand Chapter, $21. Regular Meetings second Friday of each month.

MOUNT LEBANON CHAPTER, MILFORD, A. L. 5824.

Leonard J. Wilson, High Priest.
Stephen Matthewson, King.
Grinfill B. Knights, Scribe.
George E. Stacy, Captain of the Host.
Wheaton B. Gibson, Principal Sojourner.
Henry C. Skinner, Royal Arch Captain.
Charles T. Eames, Master 3d Veil.
Franklin D. Howe, Master 2d Veil.
Charles E. Whitney, Master 1st Veil.
Leonard Hunt, Treasurer.
Lewis Fales, Secretary pro tem.
Leonard Wakefield, Chaplain.
Jonathan C. Bradford, Senior Steward.

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Alfred H. Hastings, Junior Steward.
John M. Wood, Tyler.

Present number of Members, 61. Candidates Exalted, 5. Fees to Grand Chapter, $21. Regular Meetings on Thursday following full moon.

NORTHAMPTON CHAPTER, NORTHAMPTON, A. L. 5825.

David W. Crafts, High Priest.
Charles S. Pratt, King.
Samuel W. Lee, Jr., Scribe.
George F. Wright, Captain of the Host.
William D. Axtell, Principal Sojourner.
Christopher Clark, Royal Arch Captain.
Josiah H. Prindle, Master 3d Veil.
James Porter, Master 2d Veil.
E. W. Nichols, Master 1st Veil.
Ansil Wright, Treasurer.
Amasa D. Wade, Secretary.
Cyrus White, Chaplain.
George S. Clark, Senior Steward.
Henry Wheeler, Junior Steward.
Alvin S. Field, Tyler.

Present number of Members, 59. Candidates Exalted, 4. Fees to Grand Chapter, $18. Regular Meetings first Wednesday of each month.

CONCORD CHAPTER, FRAMINGHAM, A. L. 5826.

Jonathan Greenwood, High Priest.
S. A. Hastings, King.
A. S. Lewis, Scribe.
D. C. Hoyt, Captain of the Host.
Burleigh Morse, Principal Sojourner.
D. M. Gerry, Royal Arch Captain.
Franklin Cloyes, Master 3d Veil.
N. L. Winch, Master 2d Veil.
S. B. Wilde, Master 1st Veil.
Adam Hemenway, 2d, Treasurer.
Charles J. Frost, Secretary.
S. Alsop, Chaplain.
Miranda Page, Senior Steward.
John Blair, Junior Steward.
George W. Manser, Tyler.

Present number of Members, 41. Candidates Exalted, 6. Fees to Grand Chapter, $24. Regular Meetings first Thursday of each month.

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MOUNT HOREB CHAPTER, LOWELL, A. L. 5826.

Thomas G. Gerrish, High Priest.
Samuel T. Lancaster, King.
Ruel J. Walker, Scribe.
T. L. P. Lamson, Captain of the Host.
Hiram N. Hall, Principal Sojourner.
James C. Abbott, Royal Arch Captain.
Frederick T. North, Master 3d Veil.
Albion J. Dudley, Master 2d Veil.
Richard W. Baker, Master 1st Veil.
Edward Tuck, Treasurer.
J. Emerson Short, Jr., Secretary.
Charles W. Homer, Chaplain.
Jonathan Rice, Senior Steward.
Asa D. Clark, Junior Steward.
A. W. Fisher, Tyler.

Present number of Members, 150. Candidates Exalted, 13. Fees to Grand Chapter, $45. Regular Meetings Monday on or preceding the full of the moon.

ST. JOHN'S CHAPTER, EAST BOSTON, A. L. 5854.

James A. Maynard, High Priest.
Samuel L. Fowle, King.
Fred. W. Dunbar, Scribe.
Elisha J. Cleveland, Captain of the Host.
John Garney, Principal Sojourner.
Nathaniel Haley, Royal Arch Captain.
William H. Varney, Master 3d Veil.
James M. McLarty, Master 2d Veil.
Hiram Wilson, Master 1st Veil.
George T. Sampson, Treasurer.
Hezekiah Mayo, Secretary.
Richard Libbey, Chaplain.
Joshua Dunbar, Senior Steward.
Lot Day, Junior Steward.
Samuel W. Gleason, Tyler.

Present number of Members, 62. Candidates Exalted, 8. Fees to Grand Chapter, $30. Regular Meetings fourth Monday of each month.

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CHAPTER OF THE SHEKINAH, CHELSEA, A. L. 5855.

E. W. Lathrop, High Priest.
G. W. Churchill, King.
George H. Marden, Scribe.
C. M. Avery, Captain of the Host.
Charles F. Gay, Principal Sojourner.
Charles F. Haines, Royal Arch Captain.
Erastus F. Dana, Master 3d Veil.
Benjamin F. Atkins, Master 2d Veil.
Alexander Campbell, Master 1st Veil.
Slade Luther Treasurer.
Charles Caldwell, Secretary.
Charles H. Leonard, Chaplain.
P. P. P. Ware, Senior Steward.
E. Hawkes, Jr., Junior Steward.
Edwin Barnes, Tyler.

Present number of Members, 113. Candidates Exalted, 18. Fees to Grand Chapter, $60. Regular Meetings second Wednesday in each month.

ORIENT CHAPTER, PITTSFIELD, A. L. 5856.

Rufus S. Pope, High Priest.
George Marston, King.
Higgins Crowell, Scribe.
J. K. Baker, Jr., Captain of the Host.
George J. Miller, Principal Sojourner.
Samuel Snow, Royal Arch Captain.
Sylvester Baker, Jr., Master 3d Veil.
S. B. Phinney, Master 2d Veil.
V. B. Nickerson, Master 1st Veil.
Alexander Baxter, Treasurer.
A. S. Hallett, Secretary.
George S. Alexander, Chaplain.
J. W. Chapman, Senior Steward.
Oliver Hoxie, Junior Steward.
John H. Frost, Tyler.

Present number of Members, 38. Candidates Exalted, 2. Fees to Grand Chapter, $12. Regular Meetings Thursday on or before full moon.

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PENTUCKET CHAPTER, HAVERHILL, A. L. 5856.

James E. Gale, High Priest.
Daniel Fitz, King.
George H. Hoyt, Scribe.
F. I. Stevens, Captain of the Host.
R. S. Chase, Principal Sojourner.
N. R. Johnson, Royal Arch Captain.
L. C. Wadleigh, Master 3d Veil.
E. Kimball, Master 2d Veil.
F. C. Swan, Master 1st Veil.
J. P. Randall, Treasurer.
A. Whittier, Secretary.
C. H. Seymour, Chaplain.
C. W. Chase, Senior Steward.
C. R Evans, Junior Steward.
A. G. Bradley, Tyler.

Present number of Members, 59. Candidates Exalted, 16. Fees to Grand Chapter, $54. Regular Meetings first Friday in each month.

BERKSHIRE CHAPTER, PITTSFIELD, A. L. 5858.

L. H. Gamwell, High Priest.
Frank Weston, King.
E. F. Ensign, Scribe.
Daniel Upton, Captain of the Host.
George V. Bristol, Principal Sojourner.
J. N. Dunham, Royal Arch Captain.
H. S. Briggs, Master of 3d Veil.
C. M. Whelden, Master 2d Veil.
A. N. Allen, Master 1st Veil.
I. Carter, Treasurer.
G. A. Murdock, Secretary.
D. H. Russell, Tyler.

Present number of Members, 32. Candidates Exalted, 6. Fees to Grand Chapter, $24. Regular Meetings 1st Thursday of each month.

KING SOLOMON'S CHAPTER, ENFIELD, A. L. 5858.

Daniel B. Gillett, High Priest.
John Crosby, King.
Stephen Douglass, Scribe.
George Robinson, Captain of the Host.
John F. Jordan, Principal Sojourner.
John L. Wilson, Royal Arch Captain.

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M. H. Cross, Master 3d Veil.
S. H. Phelps, Master 2d Veil.
D. W. Miner, Master 1st Veil.
W. C. Sheldon, Treasurer.
Francis De Witt, Secretary.
Henry Fobes, Chaplain.
David Allen, Senior Steward.
Thomas Smith, Junior Steward.
Robert Allen, Tyler.

Present number of Members, 25. Candidates Exalted, 3. Fees to Grand Chapter, $15. Regular Meetings Thursday next following the Tuesday preceding full moon..

KEYSTONE CHAPTER, FOXBOROUGH, A. L. 5860.

Henry S. Clarke, High Priest.
James E. Carpenter, King.
William H. Thomas, Scribe.
Carmi Richmond, Captain of the Host.
C. A. Bradley, Principal Sojourner.
L. E. Carpenter, Royal Arch Captain.
Edwin Richmond, Master 3d Veil.
William Graves, Master 2d Veil.
N. B. Wilmarth, Master 1st Veil.
Charles M. Dean, Treasurer.
Eliphalet Smith, Secretary.
William Carpenter, Senior Steward.
John Q. Lynch, Junior Steward.

Present number of Members, 25. Candidates Exalted, 1. Fees to Grand Chapter, $9. Regular Meetings Wednesday on or after the full moon.

MOUNT SINAI CHAPTER, LAWRENCE, A. L. 5860.

N. P. H. Melvin, High Priest.
Joseph W. Smith, King.
John Stowe, Scribe.
William H. Jaqueth, Captain of the Host.
Pardon Armington, Principal Sojourner.
W. B. Hayden, Royal Arch Captain.
D. F. Robinson, Master 3d Veil.
John B. Atkinson, Master 2d Veil.
John Haigh, Master 1st Veil.
James R. Simpson, Treasurer.

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